

Bikes 'n' Trikes Cycle Challenge

On Sunday 11 November there will be some fun cycling activities for children at Albert Park in Te Awamutu while The Maunga Challenge takes place. Children of all ages are welcome (cost \$2) and those from school who have indicated an interest in this event have taken an information sheet home. If any Year 6 to 8 student wishes to register for the school challenge please let Mrs Dimond know ASAP so you can be registered as a school group (cost \$5). Registration opens at 9.00am until 10.00am on the day. Activities will be supervised from 10.30am until 12.00pm when spot prizes will be presented. For more details please go to www.themaungachallenge.co.nz

Round the Bridges

Round the Bridges is a 2km run in Hamilton on Sunday 18 November. Children from Year 3 to 8 can register. School entries are eligible for prizes depending on numbers. Please let Mrs Dimond know ASAP so children can be entered as a school team. The cost is \$5, for more details please check out www.roundthebridges.co.nz There is a free bus available from Te Kuiti and Otorohanga.

Zirka Circus

We have received 10 complementary student vouchers for pre-bookings to the Zirka Circus coming to Te Kuiti 8-11 November. Please see Mrs Dimond if you wish to redeem these. Also see www.zirkacircus.com

SunSmart

All students have received their school hat for Term 4 and Term 1, 2013. These hats are to remain at school and used for outdoor activities during the summer months. Please find enclosed a copy of the schools SunSmart Policy for your information.

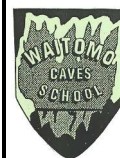
Attendance

Attendance was discussed at the last parent meeting. Please find attached the school attendance codes for your information.

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

29 October	Kick-Start classes resume
7 November	Small Schools Athletics
11 November	Bikes 'n' Trikes Challenge, Te Awamutu
14 November	COP's Athletics
15 November	Mrs Steger begins maternity leave
17 November	Silver Fern Rally
18 November	Round the Bridges Challenge
22 November	Year 8 College Experience Day

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Term Four 2012

Week Two – 26 October

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome to Term 4 where already so much has happened in such a short time. We have several pre-school students joining Van Gray in Kick-Start to School Classes next week. These classes resume on Monday and we welcome Kate Murchie, Paengawhawa Henry-Wi, Alex Burgess, Edan Stubbs and Sage Sandison.

During the second part of Term 4 while Mrs Steger is on maternity leave Mr Dimond and Miss Crown will be covering the principal release position.

Thank you Rudy for completing some shelving and fixing up the odd jobs that have needed some attention.

This newsletter edition is very full with plenty of news and the best place to begin is concluding Term 3.

Little Red Rocking Hood

This was an outstanding performance where children displayed their singing, dancing and acting skills. Congratulations to all the children who put a huge effort into making the most of this mini production. Enjoy the photos to follow. If anyone would like to purchase a \$10 DVD of our Little Red Rocking Hood performance please contact school.



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Pet/Flower Show Day

What a fantastic day! Well done to all the children who produced such wonderful art, flower arrangements, pets, fruit and vegetable models and baking. You challenged the judges with some tough decisions they had to make. Thank you to all our judges this year Anne Stubbs, Martha Ash, Robert Tahī, Maxine Johnston, Nana Noeleen, Grandpa Derek, Maree Boyle, Allan Johnston, Curly and Katie Bryan, from Altura Park.

Thank you Shane Carr for a very very successful cake auction which raised \$1,196, the best year yet. Thank you to the students, local business and community members for donating the cakes for auction.

Special thanks to the wonderful work completed by the fundraising committee and the many helping hands, including students. The hangi was delicious and the food stall, a treat! Well done and thank you.

Congratulations to the following ribbon recipients and pets:

Preschool

1 st	Hazel Kersel	Lamb	Minihahah
2 nd	Edan Stubbs	Lamb	Fairy
3 rd	Florence Pilgrim	Lamb	Lambie

Year 1&2

1 st	Zarah Stubbs	Calf	Bugsy
2 nd	Henry Murchie	Lamb	Nibbley
3 rd =	Keira Whitehead	Goat	Marmite
3 rd =	Avê Culpan	Rabbit	Frankie

Year 3&4

1 st	Elijah Stubbs	Calf	Axle
2 nd	Siân Dimond	Lamb	Trixie
3 rd	Max Cornes	Calf	Blackie

Year 5-8

1 st	Kyah Cornes	Lamb	Lego
2 nd	Alyssa MacLellan	Lamb	Pinky-Pie
3 rd	Peta Pitts-Brown	Lamb	Storm

Reserve Champion

Kyah Cornes with lamb, Lego

Champion

Zarah Stubbs with calf, Bugsy

We sincerely thank VetFocus for the sponsorship of the pet section ribbons.



Rally's

Tuesday was a very busy fundraising day with the Targa Motorsports Event. Thank you Jamie, Dawn, Marci, Rarangi and Batch for taping roads and gates for the rally and marshalling along the Valley/Haurua Roads.

On **Saturday 17 November** more marshals are required for the Silver Fern Rally along Hauturu Road. Volunteers are also asked to help with providing a barbeque lunch at the Pavilion during the service stop. Please contact Mrs Dimond if you can help with marshalling or lunch.

School Achievement Information Made Public

The Ministry of Education are publishing schools data on National Standards. The brochure with this newsletter outlines how and why this is done. Reporting to the Ministry requirements include the numbers and proportions of learners at, above, below or well below the standards, including Maori and gender. As a small school our main concern regarding this practise was privacy as small numbers mean that individuals will be readily identifiable. When writing to the Minister regarding our concern her response was that she shared the same concerns which is why you will see some data from our school reporting details blanked on the Ministry's website.

Small Schools Athletics

The Small Schools Athletics day will be held at Otorohanga Primary School on Wednesday 7 November starting at 10.00am. All children will be involved in the small schools athletics day and will require suitable clothing and footwear for participating in athletic sports. They will also need their lunch, snacks and drink. There is a sausage sizzle and other food items for sale. Parents are asked to please contact staff if you can provide transport to Otorohanga on the day.

The COP's athletics event will be held on Wednesday 14 November at Otorohanga South School. This event involves a selection of Year 4 to Year 8 children. A flyer will be sent home closer to the time if this involves your child.

Titiwai Children's Choir

Practises for the Children's Choir have begun. They are held Wednesday afternoons from 3.30pm-4.30pm at the Museum Education Centre. A light afternoon snack is provided at the beginning of each practise. There will be no practise on Wednesday 7 November. Carols in the Cave will be on 7 & 8 December. For further information contact Martha Ash on 878 8384.

Fundraising Meeting

There will be a fundraising meeting on Friday 9 November at 2.15pm. All committee members please attend. Agenda items are Hangi debrief, Rally, Waitomo Trail Bike Ride and Choir.